



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: June 13-17, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

✓SAFMC Draft Operations Agreement by: 6/22/16. Done 6/21/16.

✓Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 7/1/16. Done 7/15/16.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 7/10/16. Done 7/__/16

✓SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 6/28/16. Done 7/15/16.

✓NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 7/21/16. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 8/1/16. Done 8/__/16.

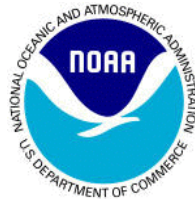


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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

1. Amendment 13A (*Oculina Experimental Closed Area*) – Chip Collier

Note: This amendment is listed under the separate heading for System Management Plan

2. Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS – Brian Cheuvront

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK ON GOLDEN TILEFISH IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16 AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE BSB POT CLOSURE (IF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 19 IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED). BRING THE DRAFT DOCUMENT TO THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

1. ✓Assign Team –

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brower, Kari MacLauchlin, Gregg Waugh, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead); Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern; Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Tony Lamberte (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Andy Herndon and Jessica Powell (Protected Resources); ~~Heather Blough~~ Noah Silverman (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jeff Radonski (OLE).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson (Economist) & Lance Garrison (Protected Resources Research Biologist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined RA 16 will be an EIS.

Timing for BSB Pot Removal RA 16: Regulatory Amendment 16 reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting. Council to provide guidance on steps and timing

Timing 2013/14/15:

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓If EIS required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- d. ✓Scoping – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e. ✓Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2014

- f. ✓Based on the time necessary for Protected Resources to complete their analyses, a timing change was approved by the Council at the June 2014 meeting:
Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.
- g. ✓IPT meeting: 7/21/2014
- h. ✓IPT meeting: 11/20/2014
- i. The Council approved the following revised timing change for RA 16 at the December 2014 meeting:
 - ✓DEC 2014 – ADD/REMOVE ALTS
 - ✓JAN 2015 – TAKE TO LWTRT
 - ✓DEC 2014 – MAR 2015 – ADDITIONAL BIO AND ECON ANALYSIS OF ALTS
 - ✓MAR 2015 – REVIEW DOC, CHOOSE PREFERRED, DEIS STARTS
 - ✓MAR – JUN – REVISE DOC
 - ✓JUN – REVIEW DOC, VOTE TO SEND OUT TO PH
 - ✓AUG – PH
 - ✓SEPT – REVIEW PH COMMENTS & DRAFT BiOp
 - ✓DEC 2015 – FINAL VOTE ON SENDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT NC MEETING
 - ✓IPT meeting: 1/8/2015
- j. ✓Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- k. ✓Public hearings – August 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- l. ✓Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- m. DEIS published October 23, 2015. DEIS comment period ends December 7, 2015.
- n. ✓Review final amendment and approved for formal review – December 2015
- o. ✓Document preparation for formal review: 1st BB version to Jack, Monica, Michelle & GTW for review.
- p. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 3/4/16.
- q. BiOp signed - ____/16
- r. ✓FEIS published July 1, 2016. FEIS comment period ends August 1, 2016.
- s. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/16.
- t. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- u. Regulations effective ____/16.

3. *SG Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)/EIS – Chip Collier/Roger Pugliese*

Note: At the June 2014 meeting, the Council changed directions and retired Regulatory Amendment 17 and started to use Amendment 36; timing does not change.

- A. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff/IPT to develop alternatives for the following items:
 - a. MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
- B. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council approved the following schedule:
 - a. Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
 - b. Public hearings August 2013
 - c. Public comment at September 2013 meeting
 - d. Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
 - e. Send to Secretary of Commerce September 27, 2013
 - f. Final regulations effective asap in the 2014 fishing year.
- C. ✓At the September meeting the Council directed staff to have the SERO present Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs at the December 2012 meeting and to discuss timing and further guidance at that time.
- D. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to conduct a second MPA Expert Working Group meeting prior to the March 2013 meeting. The Committee/Council will provide guidance on options and timing at the March 2013 meeting.

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 17 will be an EIS. NOI published: 4/8/15.

Note: NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AMENDMENT 36 WILL BE AN EA OR EIS. After discussing with SERO NEPA, it was decided that the NEPA checklist would be re-sent to NMFS SERO IPT members as focus of the actions have changed. The checklist was sent Oct. 28 and NMFS SERO IPT surveys were due Nov. 12.

- E. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.

1. Assign Team – TBD

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data). Ken Lindeman (Contractor)

- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Rick DeVactor, Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Adam Bailey (Regulations writer).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Economist).
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELF-EDGE MPAs TO PROTECT SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPER

- A. ✓MPA public workshops held in FL and NC in conjunction with public hearings in August 2012:

<u>August 7, 2012</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	<u>August 8, 2012</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>August 9, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>August 16, 2012</u> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- B. ✓Public input presented to Council at September 2012 meeting in Charleston
- C. ✓SERO presentation at December 2012 meeting in Wilmington, NC on Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs.
- D. ✓MPA Expert Workgroup Meeting –

<u>February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013</u> Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422
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- E. ✓Meeting arrangements
 - a. ✓Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.
 - b. ✓FR notice
 - c. ✓Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- F. ✓Workgroup Report
 - a. ~~Draft completed at meeting.~~ Not completed during meeting.
 - b. ✓Final report for inclusion in 2nd BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- G. ✓In preparation for the September 2013 Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.

- H. ✓The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.

Timing 2013/14/15 (assuming EIS):

- g ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- h ✓Staff/IPT to prepare Scoping Document for Regulatory Amendment 17 – September/November 2014
- iii. First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
 - iv. Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- i ✓Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: TAKE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO SCOPING IN AUGUST (2014) AND HAVE THE AP RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL'S JUNE 2014 MEETING
- j ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- k ✓AP meeting – April 8 (1:30) to April 11 (noon); MPAs on April 9th all day (See XII. AP Meetings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- MPA Presentations on April 9th:
- i. Kim Iverson – Outreach; confirmed
 - ii. _____ - Law Enforcement; Coast Guard confirmed; NMFS ?
 - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
 - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
 - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
 - vi. Will Heymen – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
 - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
 - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
- l ✓Review AP input and ~~approve alternatives/sites for scoping~~ – June 2014. At the June 2014 meeting the Council changed the approach to using Spawning SMZs through Amendment 36; timing remains the same.
- m ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- n ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance for more complete analyses – September 2014. At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added two actions that result in more time for document preparation for public hearings.
- o ✓Staff revise document and prepare for AP review and for December Council meeting.
- p ✓AP review – October 21-22, 2014
- q ✓IPT meeting held – October 24, 2014
- r ✓Council provide guidance on actions and timing – December 2014
- s ✓Council provided revised guidance on actions and timing and approved for 1st Round of Public Hearings – March 2015
- t ✓Council staff prepares Public Hearing Summary document – March 2015
- u ✓Snapper Grouper AP review and input – April 13-14, 2015
- v ✓Informal workshop – April 13, 2015 beginning at 5:30 pm
- w ✓SSC review and input – April 28-30, 2015

- x ✓1st Round of Public Hearings – webinar and 1 in-person at June meeting (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – April 2015
- y ✓Council reviews AP, SSC, and public input; chooses alternatives for detailed analyses; chooses preferred alternatives if possible; and approves for 2nd Round of Public Hearings – June 2015
- z ✓Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – June 2015 – August 2015
- aa ✓Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – August 2015
- bb ✓Public hearings – 1 webinar and 5 in-person hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – August 2015
- cc ✓Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – September 2015; the Council modified the schedule to move final approval from December 2015 to March 2016.
- dd ✓IPT meeting held – October 19, 2015.
- ee ✓Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – September-November 2015
- ff ✓Review/modify Amendment 36, choose remaining preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – December 2015
- gg ✓Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for DEIS review – December 2015
- hh ✓DEIS comment period ends prior to March 7-11, 2016 Council meeting
- ii ✓Review DEIS comments, modify Am 36 as required, and approve for formal review – March 2016
- jj Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. ✓IPT leads review completed by 4/16.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____ .
 - 3. ✓Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on 4/16.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by_____
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- kk SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by March 24, 2016 if no changes or March 31, 2016 if modified at the March meeting. Done ____/16.
- ll Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP
 - 2. Comments due by ____/16.
- mm Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP
 - 2. Post to web site
- nn Regulations effective ____/16.

4. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35/EA (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) – Myra Brouwer

Note: SG Amendment 34 is part of Comprehensive AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.

At the March 2014 meeting, the Council approved a motion to remove Nassau grouper, dog snapper, schoolmaster, mahogany, and black snapper from the snapper grouper FMU. At the June 2014, the Council approved a motion to not include Nassau grouper in Amendment 35.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), David Records (Economist), David Dale (HCD), Jenny Lee (PR), and Noah Silverman (NEPA)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (Biologist), Larry Perruso (Economist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello and Iris Lowery

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after a range of actions is determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on November 4, 2014. SERO determined the document should be an EA.

Proposed Draft Timing 2014-15:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2014
- c. ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2014
- e. ✓At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added an action related to golden tilefish endorsements to the amendment.
- f. ✓IPT prepare document – September through November
- g. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and approve for public hearings – December 2014
- h. ✓Public Hearings – January 2015 (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- i. ✓Committee/Council review public hearing comments and approve all actions – March 2015
- j. ✓Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2015
- i. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.

3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____
5. Corrections made by _____.
- k. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done 9/10/15.
- l. ✓Proposed Rule published 3/4/16.
 1. Send to Council & AP. Date sent 3/4/16.
 2. Comments due by 4/4/16.
1. ✓Final Rule published May 23, 2016. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 5/23/15.
 1. Send to Council & AP. Date sent 3/4/16.
 2. Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- j. ✓Regulations effective June 22, 2016.

5. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/ EIS (Hogfish) – Myra*

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Rick DeVictor, Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), David Dale (Habitat), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Nick Farmer (Data), David Records (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data), Mark Fields (OLE), and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Katie Siegfried and Larry Perruso
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS determined EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on May 11, 2015. SERO determined the document should be an EIS.

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. ✓NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – July 31, 2015
- e. ✓Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)
- f. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – September 2015
- g. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by January 12, 2016
- h. ✓Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- i. ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2016; in person
- j. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions - March 2016 and June 2016
- k. Committee/Council approve for formal review September 2016. Note: due to statutory deadline to end overfishing; want regulations in place 1/1/17.
- l. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 22, 2016. Done ____/16.
- m.
- n. DEIS published 6/17/2016. Comment period ends 8/1/2016.
- o. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council &AP. Date sent _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16.
- p. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

- a. Send to Council & AP. Date sent _____.
- b. Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- c. Regulations effective _____/16.

6. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Blueline Tilefish) – Myra*

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following emergency request:

MOTION: DIRECT THAT THE SSC DETERMINE, AT ITS APRIL 2015 MEETING, THE GEOGRAPHIC RANGE COVERED BY THE SEDAR 32 ASSESSMENT. IF WARRANTED, REQUEST EMERGENCY ACTION TO EXTEND REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN AMENDMENT 32, ONCE THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, TO THE AREAS THAT THE SSC CONSIDERS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE STOCK ASSESSMENT.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE (9 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

✓SSC met April 28-30, 2015 and concluded:

- **SSC Consensus: After reconsideration of the SEDAR 32 assessment and all the supplemental information provided, the SSC still agrees that the SEDAR 32 assessment applies to the entire coast wide stock and is still considered BSIA.**

✓SAFMC Emergency Request – send to NMFS 5/6/15. The Council's request is currently being reviewed by NMFS.

✓The Council will review the SSC recommendation and determine how to move forward with Amendment 38 at the June 2015 meeting. At the June meeting, the Council did not discuss Amendment 38 and indicated they would address this amendment at the September 2015 meeting. At the September meeting, the Council deferred action until the genetic results are presented at the December 2015 meeting.

In September 2015, the Snapper Grouper Committee reviewed an Options Paper for a possible amendment, Amendment 38, to extend the snapper grouper fishery management unit north of the NC/VA border and adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish to account for landings in the area north of the Council's jurisdiction. The Council had considered extending the FMU previously (during development of Amendment 18) but did not take action at the time. In September 2015 the Council opted to not move forward with development of Amendment 38 pending the completion of studies on the stock structure of blueline tilefish and to allow time for the MAFMC to develop a management strategy for blueline tilefish in their jurisdiction. Instead, actions to adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish (based on the SSC's recommendations) and revise management measures were moved to Regulatory Amendment 25 (submitted to NMFS on 3/4/16).

Details to be added if the decision is to move forward.

IPT Team

- ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Christina Package (Social Scientist); ~~Heather Blough~~ Noah Silverman (NEPA); Jessica Stephens (Data Analyst); and Mark Fields (OLE).
- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson
- ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Need to add Gulf and Mid-Atlantic representatives from NMFS Region & Centers and Councils.

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council.

Major Steps:

- A. ✓SEDAR Stock ID Workshop – determined 1 unit stock from the Gulf through the Mid-Atlantic.
- B. SEDAR Assessment – schedule will be adjusted and results completed by 12/17.
- C. SSC review – April 2018.
- D. Results to Council – June 2018.

Amendment work to begin July 2017??

- A. Councils (Gulf, South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic) agree on how to allocate ABC by Council jurisdiction.
- B. Other preparatory work on draft amendment to specify management unit, parameters, and draft management measures so ready for IPT to begin analyses for June 2018 SAFMC meeting.
- C. Others???

7. *Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline Tilefish, Yellowtail Snapper FY & BSB Bag Limit)/EA– Myra Brouwer*

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Rick DeVactor, Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Noah Silverman (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jack McGovern.

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson and Kevin Craig

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – September 2015
- b. ✓IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- c. ✓Public Hearings – November 2016; via webinar
- d. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment; approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2015
- e. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by January 25, 2016.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by March 3, 2016 .
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. Done March 4, 16.
- f. ✓Proposed Rule published June 16, 2016.
 - a. Comments due by June 16, 2016.
 - b. Send to Council, AP
- g. ✓Final Rule published 7/13/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 7/12/16.
 1. ✓Send to Council, AP – done 7/13/16.
 2. ✓Post to web site – done 7/12/16.
- g. Regulations effective on:
 - a. ✓Blueline tilefish – 7/13/16.
 - b. Yellowtail & Black sea bass – 8/12/16.

8. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)/EA– Myra Brouwer

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (IPT Lead); John McGovern; Christina Package-Ward; Denise Johnson; Michael Larkin; Adam Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Nikhil Mehta (Acting IPT Lead); Noah Silverman; Stephen Holiman; David Dale.

NMFS SEFSC Team: Amy Schueller; Scott Crosson

NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NOAA OLE: Mark Fields

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2015
- b. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- c. ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2016. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings, 5. Dates and Locations for January/February 2016 for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- d. ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016
- e. ✓Conduct as much analysis of the actions/alternatives as possible for distribution to FWC by 4/26/16. Done April 25, 2016.
- f. ✓Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2016 Council meeting. Date done – June 15, 2016.
- g. ✓In June 2016, Council votes to send Amendment 41 out for Public Hearings in August 2016. Date done June 17, 2016.
- h. Public hearings in August 2016. See Section XIV for dates and locations.
- i. At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- j. At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 41 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- k. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done ____/16.
 - d. _____
- l. Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
- m. Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.

- c. Regulations effective _____/17.

Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.

Note: the remaining timing will be added based on guidance from the Council in December 2015.

9. 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint – Evaluation Plan – Amber Von Harten/Myra Brouwer (co-leads)

The 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint was adopted in December 2015. An Evaluation Plan was included as part of the Blueprint. The evaluation schedule is outlined below:

Objectives of the Evaluation & Review

1. Ensure that management actions (and others) that are developed are helping achieve the vision for the snapper grouper fishery.
2. Allows flexibility to adapt management strategies (and others) to accommodate changes in the fishery.
3. Continue stakeholder engagement with the Vision Blueprint process.
4. Consider stakeholder support on short-term action items developed in 2016-2017 and how these actions have impacted stakeholders.
5. Consider stakeholder feedback on how to approach long-term action items, items not considered in 2015 and emerging issues in the fishery.
6. Allow new Council members to become familiar with the Vision Blueprint.

Annual Review

- **Purpose:** Allow the Council to conduct an internal review of progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- **Timing:** December 2016
- **Tasks:**
 - Council review and discussion of progress report at December 2016 Council meeting.
 - Provide a written update and webinar to the public about progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.

Biennial Review

- **Purpose:** Mid-term review of progress on the implementation of the Vision Blueprint and stakeholder perceptions.
- Timing:** December 2018
- **Tasks:**
 - Review the short-term action items from each goal to determine what outcomes were achieved in 2016-2018;
 - Provide opportunity for public input on outcomes of short-term action items (survey, webinars/comment stations, etc.)

Comprehensive Review

- **Purpose:** Review and update the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint and Appendices.

- **Timing:** January – June 2020; Adoption of 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint in December 2020
- **Tasks:**
 - Solicit public input on items in the existing blueprint (short- and long-term action items and items not considered in 2015) and any new ideas.
 - Use a similar port meeting approach to collect public input and revise the Vision Blueprint based on stakeholder and Council member input.

Draft Timing:

- December 2016, provide an update to Council and the public on the progress made towards implementing the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint. Date done_____.

10. Amendment 43 (red snapper)

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)

NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (SERO Lead), David Records (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter

NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement)

Proposed Draft Timing:

- a. Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
- b. Council review draft options paper – June 2016.
- c. Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – September or December 2016
- d. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- e. Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- f. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- g. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- h. In June 2017, Council votes to send Amendment 43 out for Public Hearings in August 2017. Date done _____.
- i. At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- j. At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 43 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- k. Document preparation for formal review:

- a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
- b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
- d.
- l. Proposed Rule published _____/18.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by _____/18. Date done _____.
- m. Final Rule published _____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - c. Regulations effective _____/18.

Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

11. Visioning Amendment 1 – Recreational

Note: Suggestion to retain current chronological numbering of amendments and framework amendments and develop language to be included in the document that would differentiate it from a “regular” amendment vs. one that specifically addresses action items in the Vision Blueprint. Include “Vision Blueprint” in parentheses on cover? Will be discussed at September 2016 meeting.

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
 NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Nick Farmer, Noah Silverman, Christina Package-Ward, Tony Lamberte, David Dale,
 NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Scott Crosson
 NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 NOAA OLE:

Proposed Draft Timing: TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED TO TRACK COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING (APPROVE FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT JUNE 2017 MEETING) OR COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED.

- a. Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
- b. Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings, 5. Dates and Locations for January/February 2016 for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- e. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- f. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.

- g. In June 2017, Council votes to send Visioning Amendment 1 out for Public Hearings in August 2017. Date done _____.
- h. At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- i. At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Visioning Amendment 1 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- j. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
 - d. _____
- k. Proposed Rule published _____/18.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by _____/18. Date done _____.
- l. Final Rule published _____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
 - a. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - b. Regulations effective _____/18.
 Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

12. Visioning Amendment 2 – Commercial

Note: Suggestion to retain current chronological numbering of amendments and framework amendments and develop language to be included in the document that would differentiate it from a “regular” amendment vs. one that specifically addresses action items in the Vision Blueprint. Include “Vision Blueprint” in parentheses on cover? Will be discussed at September 2016 meeting.

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team: NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NOAA OLE:

Proposed Draft Timing: TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED TO TRACK COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING (APPROVE FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT JUNE 2017 MEETING) OR COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED.

- a. Council guidance to prepare amendment – December 2016.
- b. Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – March 2017
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. Scoping Hearings – _____ 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items.

- e. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – June 2017
- f. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at September 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- g. In September 2017, Council votes to send Visioning Amendment 2 out for Public Hearings in _____ 2017/2018. Date done _____.
- h. At December 2017/March 2018 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- i. At March 2018 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Visioning Amendment 2 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- j. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2018. Done _____/18.
- k. Proposed Rule published _____/18.
 - a. Comments due by _____/18. Date done _____.
- l. Final Rule published _____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
 - a. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - b. Regulations effective _____/18.

Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

II. SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN – Chip Collier/ Roger Pugliese

The System Management Plans (SMP) are intended to increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources found within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area (OECA), Deepwater Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZs).

1. ***SG Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier***

An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:

- 1) **On-Going Monitoring** – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
- 2) **Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports** – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.

- 3) **Oculina Evaluation Plan** (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area:

- Law Enforcement
- Outreach experts
- Research scientists
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Commercial fishermen
- Council staff
- Recreational fishermen

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

4) 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan

- a. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
- b. ✓Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
- c. ✓SSC Review – April 2015
- d. ✓Council sees final report – June 2015
- e. ✓Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015 -> March 2016
- f. ✓Document revised and posted to website. Date done – March 28, 2016
- g. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

5) Next Evaluation Plan (2019)

- a. Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2019 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
- b. Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –
- c. SSC Review –
- d. Council sees final report –
- e. Council reviews final report –
- f. Document revised and distributed – _____
- g. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- h. Next review: _____.

2. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier

In 2009, the Council designated eight Deepwater MPAs in Snapper Grouper Amendment 14. The Deepwater SMP was developed to provide a framework to review the

enforcement, outreach and education, research and monitoring, and administrative efforts in the Deepwater MPAs and track progress in each area. The final SMP contains the proposed management action items, metrics for tracking progress, and background details for the eight MPAs. The SMP was adopted in March 2016.

The evaluation report, written by the IPT, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee in 2021. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Initial Timing 2014:

- a. IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT revise document – July 2014
- d. Public input during public hearings – August 2014
- e. Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
- f. IPT revise document – September/October 2014
- g. SSC review – October 27 – 30, 2014
- h. Council review and approve SMP – December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing

Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early – mid 2015 based on workload

- a. xIPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
- d. Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
- e. Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- f. Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
- g. IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015

- h. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
- i. SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
- j. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015

Final Timing 2015:

- a. Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- b. ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
- c. ✓IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- d. ✓Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
- e. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- f. ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- g. ✓SSC input – April 28-30, 2015
- h. ✓Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
- i. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- j. ✓Public input – July/August/September 2015
- k. ✓Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- l. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- m. ✓SSC review – October 2015
- n. IPT meeting held – November 2, 2015
- o. ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – November 2015
- p. ✓Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – March 2016
- q. Document revised and distributed – by March 31, 2016. Date done – May 31, 2016.
- r. Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.

Potential Timing for Review (2021):

- a. IPT meeting –
- b. IPT works on items in the outline –
- c. Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance –
- d. IPT revise document as necessary –
- e. Snapper Grouper AP input –
- f. SSC input –
- g. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
- h. IPT revise document as necessary –
- i. Public input –
- j. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
- k. IPT revise document as necessary –
- l. SSC review –
- m. IPT meeting held –
- n. Snapper Grouper AP input –
- o. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
- p. Document revised and distributed – . Date done _____.
- q. Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
- r. Next review _____.

3. *Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier*

Once Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 is completed, there will be a plan for monitoring SMZs. An outline with key actions and dates of how the Spawning SMZs will be monitored will go here

III. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese*

Note: The original FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, SARP, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP. FEP II development process is being further enhanced through facilitated Webinars, in-person meetings and online support for Section Review and Writing Teams activities.

- A. ✓Original FEP Approved by Council in March 2009 and submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010.
- B. Process for FEP II – Developed in cooperation with Habitat AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2013.
 - a. ✓Habitat Advisory Panel discusses and provides initial recommendations on overall structure, review process for updating, refining and expanding the FEP November 2013
 - b. ✓Winter/Spring 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs coordinate with Roger and Pat Geer new AP Chair in identifying leads and team members for review redraft of core sections on species and habitats
 - c. ✓Habitat Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – March 2014
 - d. ✓Ecosystem-Based Management Committee provides guidance on membership on core writing teams for FEP II – September 2014
 - e. Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents- ongoing.
- D. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2016):
 - a. Development will be facilitated around spring (April) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014-2016).
 - b. ✓Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
 - c. ✓Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
 - d. ✓South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop - February 7-8, 2015 at FWRI – Review of existing capabilities and develop a proposal for consideration by the SALCC to create a South Atlantic ecosystem modeling suite to better link FEP II and SALCC Conservation Blueprint -ongoing.
 - e. ✓January 2015 – March 2016: Initiate Sections update, new Section outline and drafting facilitate ecosystem modeling, tools and GIS development in support of FEP II. Email coordination/webinars to refine and update sections

for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research and Monitoring; Food Webs and Connectivity, and Climate Variability and Fisheries ongoing.

- f. ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting included sessions on threats to fish habitat, energy, and food webs and connectivity.
- g. ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on research and monitoring, artificial reefs and state activities.
- h. ✓March/April 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.
- i. November 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.

2. *Essential Fish Habitat – Roger*

- A. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
 - a. ✓Identify focus teams of Habitat AP members to perform initial reviews and develop revision/update recommendations. Initiated in conjunction with November 14-15, 2012 AP meeting.
 - b. ✓The Habitat AP during 2013 meetings continued developing updated and new policy statements to support and enhance their use in by NOAA Fisheries and regional partners in EFH review and consultation.
 - c. ✓The Habitat AP provides redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species for Council consideration at March 2014 Council meeting.
 - d. ✓The Habitat AP provides refined redrafts, of EFH Policy Statements, based on additional State input for June 2014 Council meeting. Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species that were approved by Council.
 - e. ✓The Habitat AP redrafts EFH Policy Statement for Beach Dredge and Fill, Beach Re-nourishment and Large Scale Coastal Engineering at their March 2015 meeting.
 - f. ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on redrafting EFH Policy Statements and drafting new Statements. Sessions conducted on Threats to Fish Habitat, Energy, and Food Webs and Connectivity.
 - g. ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Energy, Exploration, Development and Transportation for consideration at the December 2015 Council meeting. Ongoing presentations and discussion on developing an Artificial Reef Policy.
 - h. ✓April 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on new EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries. Held Session on the Impacts of Sound on Fish and Fish Habitat.

- i. November 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review revise EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries and Artificial Reefs.
- B. Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
 - a. ✓Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel during April 2015 meeting will be updated on regional partner SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report.
 - b. ✓State of SA Condition Report Complete – Include Appendix to FEP II

**FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:
Council Meeting Timeline (~~November 2015~~ July 2016)**

✓June 2014 Council Meeting: Redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species Approved by Council for Inclusion into FEP II.

✓September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update.

✓March 2015 Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Coastal Engineering. Ecosystem Session with VIMS, NMFS, SALCC, and BOEM.

✓June 2015 Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

~~September 2015 Council Meetings: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.~~

✓December 2015 Council Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and for inclusion into FEP II and Status FEP II Development.

✓March 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Habitat and Misc. Sections) and EFH Updates. Review Outline/Draft of New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs.

✓June 2016 Council Meeting: FEP II and Supporting Tool Development and Technology Session

September 2016 Council Meeting: Review FEP II Development highlighting Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Review of Policy Considerations and Guidance for developing Policy Statements.

November 2016 Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel: Review FEP II Section Development Policy Statement Drafts for Artificial Reefs, Food Webs and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability. November 2016 Managed Species Team Meeting Refinement of Ecospecies System Supporting FEP II.

December 2016 Council Meeting: Review and Approve EFH Policy Statements for: 1) South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity, 2) South Atlantic Fisheries and Climate Variability and 3) Artificial Reefs.

March 2017: Review FEP II EFH/Habitat Sections, Policy Considerations and Online functionality supporting EFH 5 Year Review. Review South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and Needs and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Advancements Supporting FEP II.

June 2017 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve Complete FEP II and Interactive Executive Summary.

C. South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems

- a. ✓The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the NOAA Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap. Done July 1, 2016.
- b. ✓The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Seismic Testing and our Updated Energy Policy Statement. Done July 1, 2016.

3. Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2016)

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination has been scheduled:

- 1) ✓Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 11-12, 2016 Hilton Charleston, SC
- 2) ✓National Essential Fish Habitat Summit May 17-19, 2016 Annapolis, MD
- 3) ✓SECOORA Steering Committee, Stakeholder and PI Meetings May 18-20, 2016 Raleigh, NC
- 4) ✓Managed Species/Snapper Grouper FEP II Review Team Ecospecies Session May 24-25, 2016 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
- 5) ✓SAFMC Mapping Strategy Session May 26, 2016 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
- 6) ✓Joint Peninsular Florida and South Atlantic LCC Steering Committee meetings June 5-8, 2016 St. Augustine, FL
- 7) ✓Society for Conservation GIS June 21-25, 2016 Monterey, CA
- 8) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 25-27, 2016 St. Simons Island, GA
- 9) SEAFWA/SALCC (SECAS) Meeting October 16-19, 2016 Baton Rouge, La

- 10) MTS Oceans 2016 Industry Coordination to support ocean technology and potential test beds in South Atlantic region. October 18-23, 2015 Monterey, CA
- 11) Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study SA Board Meeting TBD 2016 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 12) ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November 1-4, 2016
- 13) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting November 15-16, 2016 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL
- 14) Managed Species/Ecospecies Session November 17, 2016 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
- 15) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting 2016 TBD

**Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and
EFH Update / 5 Year Review**

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – June, 2017	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: developing FEP II sections; development of a regional mapping strategy connected to managed species and their EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining the connection with regional conservation blueprint; enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of species, habitat or fishery operations information; development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and tools for evaluation/ management; and information to enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
✓February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia
✓April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓November 6, 2015 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI)	Collaboration meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright and Oceans Program Staff on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	ESRI Office, Redlands, CA
✓January 2015- March 2016 (ongoing)	FEP II Section and EFH Update Facilitated Webinars: Artificial Reefs, Live/Hard Bottom Habitat, Seagrass/SAV Habitat, Estuarine Shrub Scrub (Mangroves), Intertidal Flats Habitat, Estuarine Water Column, Deepwater Coral Habitat, Coral and Coral Reefs, Oyster Reefs and Shell Banks Habitat, Soft Bottom Subtidal Habitat, Estuarine Emergent Marsh (Salt and Brackish) Habitat, and Riverine and Freshwater Habitat	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015- March July 2016 (ongoing)	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015- June November 2016 (ongoing)	Council Managed Species Sections Email coordination with information from online systems, Ecospecies online system and engagement of species experts: Facilitated webinars for Shrimp Deepwater and Penaeid, Dolphin Wahoo, Coastal Migratory Pelagies, Spiny Lobster, and Golden Crab Facilitated Meeting for Snapper Grouper In lieu of section revision, refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of species experts.	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars/ Meeting February 2016 May 2016

June 2014- December 2016 (ongoing)	<p>South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II</p> <p>Collaboration on Development of NMFS Regional Action Plan Supporting Climate Science for inclusion into FEP II : Review and Revise Strawman (Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC)</p>	<p>Initiated in conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshops Online Basecamp created to Facilitate Development April 2016</p>
October 2015- September December 2016 (ongoing)	<p>Section on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expanded on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants.</p> <p>Habitat/Ecosystem AP discuss section development.</p>	<p>Email Coordination / Facilitated Webinars October ✓November 2015 and Meeting ✓December 2015 ✓May 2016</p>

4. *Bycatch Reporting Amendment 3/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GCrab Am 7) – Chip Collier*

Items included during scoping:

- A. Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
- C. Potential expansion of HAPC areas
- D. Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
- E. Wreckfish fishery impacts to deepwater coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species

The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:

- A. Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
- C. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

1. Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
2. Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
3. Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment

The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3.

NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

At the June 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed information presented on bycatch and suggested changing the name of CE-BA 3 to better reflect the remaining action in the amendment.

Timing:

- A. ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
- B. ✓Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
- C. ✓Scope in January/February – see below for details
- D. ✓Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
- E. ✓Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
- F. ✓Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
- G. ✓Public hearings – August 2012
- H. ✓Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
- I. Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.

Appoint IPT Team:

- A. ✓Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Cheuvront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
- B. ✓NMFS SERO Team – Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA); Anik Clemens (Regulations writer).
- C. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
- D. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

Advisory Panel Input:

- A. ✓Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- B. ✓Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- C. ✓Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- D. ✓Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials

- E. ✓Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- F. ✓Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- G. ✓Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- H. ✓Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- I. ✓Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012 from 2-4 pm. The Habitat AP will meet in person in the Fall as normal

Specific Steps:

- A. ✓NOI to publish in FR by _____. NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council's MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- B. ✓Draft MSA scoping document.
- C. ✓Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.
Schedule a Team call if needed.
- D. ✓MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. **Scoping from 4-7 pm**

January 24, 2012 Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	January 31, 2012 Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
January 26, 2012 BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	February 1, 2012 Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
January 30, 2012 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037	February 2, 2012 Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322

Phone: 305-852-5553	Phone: 912-748-8888
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- E. ✓Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F. ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.
- G. ✓Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- H. ✓Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- I. ✓Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- J. ~~Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12~~
- K. ~~Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12~~
- L. ✓CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- M. ✓Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCs AND SHELF-EDGE MPAs FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
 - B. Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
 - C. Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
- N. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
 - O. ✓Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<u>August 9, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>August 8, 2012</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>August 7, 2012</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	<u>August 6, 2012</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
<u>August 14, 2012</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport	<u>August 16, 2012</u> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront

5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585
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- P. ✓BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- Q. ✓Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

- R. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
 - S. ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
 - b. 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
 - e. 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - f. 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
 - g. 11/26/12 – 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am
 - T. ✓Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.
- AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.**
- U. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
 - a. ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
 - b. ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
 - V. ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
 - b. ✓IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. ✓– revised document sent to IPT
 - d. ✓comments due back from IPT
 - e. ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - ~~W. South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
 - X. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
 - Y. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
 - Z. ✓December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
 - AA. ✓March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.

At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

BB. ✓At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a. ✓Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b. ✓Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- c. Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- d. Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.

CC. ✓Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

Note: The SEFSC/SERO will give a detailed presentation on the status of bycatch reporting system for the southeast at each Council meeting.

At the March 2016 meeting, the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS and provide guidance on approach/timing.

- All FMPS must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.
- Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.
- The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.
- After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

Proposed Draft Timing after June 2016 Council Meeting:

- a. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- b. In June 2017, Council votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment out for Public Hearings in August 2017. Date done _____.
- c. At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.

- d. At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
 - d. _____
- f. Proposed Rule published _____/17.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by _____/17. Date done _____.
- g. Final Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - c. Regulations effective _____/16.
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.

IV. CORAL AMENDMENT – Chip Collier

1. *Joint Coral Amendment 9/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip*

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

V. MACKEREL

1. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 26 (King Mackerel ACLs, stock boundary, other management measures)/EA – Kari (GMFMC Administrative Lead)*

Given the workload, if developed, this amendment should be considered for later in 2014 (i.e., public hearings in August 2014).

Amendment 26 was scoped as actions to split the KM and SM commercial permits into separate jurisdictions, but now Am 26 will only include king mackerel actions associated with the results of the stock assessment and an action to address sale of king mackerel caught in shark gillnets. The permit or FMP split will be in Amendment 28.

IPT Team:

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Assane Diagne, & Ava Lasseter
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Sue Gerhart (NMFS Co-Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Co-Lead), Tony Lamberte, Christina Package-Ward, Scott Sandorf ~~or Adam Bailey~~, Mike Larkin, Noah Silverman, David Dale, & Andy Herndon
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: John Walter & Christopher Liese
- b. ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy & Iris Lowery

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist was distributed to IPT and NMFS determined EA.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies Decision Document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- e. ✓GMFMC to discuss development of amendment. At their February 2014 meeting, the GMFMC delayed development of Amendment 26 until after stock assessment for king mackerel is completed.
- f. ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014
- g. ✓Review White Paper at September 2014 meeting – provide input and guidance on timing.

Proposed Timing 2015/2016:

- a. ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – GMFMC in October 2015.
- b. ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in December 2015.
- c. ✓Public hearings – SAFMC in January/February 2016. GMFMC in February/March 2016.
- d. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in March 2016.
- e. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – GMFMC in April 2016.
- f. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by 6/21/16.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by ____7/1/16 document; codified IP ____.
 - c. GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 7/7 2017.
- g. Document submitted to NMFS – ~~April~~ July 2016. Date done July 7, 2016.
- h. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- i. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - c. Regulations effective ____/16.
 - d. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

2. CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari

IPT Team. Date done _____.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Mike Jepson (social scientist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation)
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowery, Jocelyn D’Ambrosio

Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. vessel limits
- b. increased minimum size limits
- c. 1/person bag limit
- d. change start of recreational fishing year
- e. change recreational AMs

Items for commercial management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. step-down in commercial limit (possession limit and vessel limit) when 75% of the commercial ACL is met

Proposed Timing 2016:

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – March 2016
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – June 2016.
- c. In-Person and Webinar Hearings – August 2016; MAFMC meeting in August. Date done _____.
- d. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016. Date done _____.
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
 - IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by ____ 2017. Done ____/17.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- g. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- h. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - Regulations effective ____/16.
 - Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

Note: Because this is a framework amendment, the Gulf Council does not need to approve.

3. *Mackerel Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) – Kari*

IPT Team. Date done June 29, 2016.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer),
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy

Proposed Timing 2016/17:

- a. Gulf Council reviews the document, finalizes actions and alternatives – June and August 2016
- b. South Atlantic Council reviews actions and alternatives – September 2016
- c. Gulf Council reviews public input, modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review– October 2016
- d. South Atlantic Council reviews public input, modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review– December 2016
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
 - IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done ____/17.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- g. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- h. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - Regulations effective ____/16.
 - Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

4. CMP Framework Amendment 5 (Permit Restrictions) – Kari

IPT Team. Date done June 29, 2016.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead) Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Adam Bailey (regs writer)
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello and Jocelyn D'Ambrosio

Proposed Timing 2016:

- a. South Atlantic Council reviews/modifies document– June 2016.
- b. Gulf Council reviews/modifies document – June 2016.
- c. Gulf Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – August 2016.
- d. South Atlantic Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016.
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
 - IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by ____ 2017. Done ____/17.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- g. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- h. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
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 - Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - Regulations effective ____/16.
 - Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

VI. SPINY LOBSTER

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

The Spiny Lobster Review Panel met in Key West, Florida February 9, 2015 to discuss the 2014 OFL overage and make recommendations about actions the Councils should consider including possibly adjusting the ACL.

The South Atlantic Council reviewed the Panel's report at the March 2015 meeting and concluded no action was necessary other than drafting a letter:

MOTION: THE COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR REQUESTING THAT SPINY LOBSTER NOT BE SUBJECT TO AN ACL, WITH THE REASONS OUTLINED BY THE SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW PANEL.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

- ✓Draft Letter
- ✓EDs & Chairs Review Letter
- ✓Jessica/Martha Review Letter
- ✓Send letter to NMFS.

2016 Activities to review ACT overage:

1. ✓Review Panel meeting - March 28, 2016 via webinar
2. ✓Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting – April 25, 2016 in Key Largo FL
3. SSC review - October 18-20, 2016

2. *Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Kari*

IPT Team. Date done _____.

- a. SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
- b. GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead)
- d. NMFS SEFSC Team: TBD
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: TBD

Proposed Timing 2016:

- a. South Atlantic Council discusses items to include for options paper – June 2016
- b. Gulf Council discusses items to include for options paper – June 2016
- c. Gulf Council reviews options paper– August 2016
- d. South Atlantic Council reviews options paper– ~~September~~ December 2016
- e. Scoping – TBD.

- f. South Atlantic Council reviews Scoping comments and modifies amendment as necessary – TBD. Date done _____.
- g. Gulf Council reviews Scoping comments and modifies amendment as necessary – TBD. Date done _____.
- h. Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – TBD. Date done _____.
- i. Public Hearings – TBD. Date done _____.
- j. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – TBD. Date done _____.
- k. Document preparation for formal review:
 - IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done ____/17.
- l. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- m. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- n. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
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 - Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

VII. SHRIMP – Chip Collier

1. *Joint Coral Amendment 9/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip*

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

VIII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

1. Joint Coral Amendment 9/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

At the June 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following motion:

DEVELOP A CORAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPANDING THE NORTHERN ALLOWABLE GOLDEN CRAB FISHING ZONE.

IX. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

1. *Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment* – John Carmichael

CURRENTLY INACTIVE. WORK MAY RESUME IN THE FUTURE AS A SEPARATE SOUTH ATLANTIC AMENDMENT

Note: Initiated as Action 2 in CEBA-3. See CEBA-3 for actions, timing of early efforts.

Note: Joint amendment with GMFMC, SAFMC administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 29, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment XX, and Snapper Grouper Amendment 42

IPT Team IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), and Mike Errigo
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Regulation Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer, David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman, (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Kelly Moran (OLE).
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
- e. ✓NOAA GC – Mara Levy.

Timeline:

- i. Initiated in CEBA-3
- ii. Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.
- iii. February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action
- iv. June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.
- v. September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting
- vi. March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support
- vii. June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:
 - a. SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
 - b. SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
 - c. SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
 - d. ACCSP: Mike Cahall
- viii. October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting
- ix. December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.
- x. March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep

NEXT STEPS: MARCH – JUNE 2016

- Pilot study report, SEFSC to SAFMC, June 2016. Final?

2. SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment – John Carmichael (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)

Note: Initiated in CEBA 3, pursued as SAFMC-GMFMC for hire amendment during 2012-2015; became charter boats, SAFMC only in September 2015.

IPT, SAFMC Charter Amendment

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), Roger Pugliese (Habitat)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski, Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Vivian Matter, Ken Brennan
- d. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit Brunello

Timeline:

- i. ✓Initiated in CEBA 3.
- ii. ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
- iii. ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
 - a. ✓March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
- iv. ✓September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
- v. ✓December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
- vi. ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
- vii. ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
- viii. ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
- ix. ✓March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
- x. ✓June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
- xi. ✓September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
- xii. ✓December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
- xiii. ✓January/February 2016: Hearings
- xiv. ✓March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
- xv. ✓May 2016: SSC Review
- xvi. ✓June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements

NEXT STEPS : MARCH-JUNE 2016

- ✓IPT incorporate Council approved edits
- ✓IPT develop minimum data elements Action, including framework for future updates
- ✓SAFMC SSC review data elements, May 2016
- ✓SAFMC June 2016 Council actions

- review data elements Action
- Update on SAFMC-ACCSP Pilot Study
- For-Hire reporting inventory (ACCSP Project)

NEXT STEPS: July - December 2016

- IPT incorporate Council approved edits
- September Meeting: presentation on SC logbook-validation pilot & update on SAFMC data project
- December meeting: Consider for final approval, review SAFMC data project, presentation on headboat electronic reporting implementation outreach.

FINAL TIMING - TBD

- SAFMC final approval: December 2016. Done _____.
- GMFMC final approval: October 17-21, 2016 or January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done _____.
- Document for final review: Done _____.
- Proposed rule
 - Published: _____
 - To Council, AP: _____
 - Comments due to by: _____
- Final Rule
 - Published: _____
 - Fishery Bulletin Notice: _____
 - Sent to Council, AP: _____
- Regulations Effective Date: _____

X. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – John Hadley

1. *Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1 (Commercial Trip Limit)/EA– Brian Cheuvront*

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Jenny Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Tony Lamberte (Economics), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Mike Larkin (Data), Scott Sandorf (Reg Writer).

NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Seigried, Akbar Marvasti

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowry

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – September 2015
- b. ✓IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- c. ✓Public Hearings – November 2016; via webinar
- d. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment; approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2015
- e. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. ✓IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 2/16/16.
- f. ✓Proposed Rule published 6/30/16.
 - a. ✓Send to Council, AP Date 7/13/16.
 - b. Comments due by 8/1/16.
- g. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective ____/16.
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

2. Joint Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Allocations & Dolphin Commercial Sector Separation) – Brian Cheuvront/John Hadley

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Co-Lead), John Hadley (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern

NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17: TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED TO TRACK COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING (APPROVE FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT JUNE 2017 MEETING) OR COUNCIL PRIORITIES TIMING NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED.

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b. Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. Public Hearings – January/February 2017
- e. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017
- f. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2017
- g. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 8/11/17.
- h. Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - b. Comments due by ____/17.
- i. Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective ____/17.Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

XI. For-Hire Permit Limited Entry – Brian

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)

NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore, (NMFS Lead), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Denise Johnson (Economist), Janet Miller and Britni Lavine (Data Analysts), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, Christopher Liese

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowry

NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras

Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b. Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. Public Hearings – January/February 2017
- e. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017
- f. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2017
- g. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 8/1/17.
- h. Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - b. Comments due by ____/17.
- i. Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective ____/17.Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

XII. Postponed Amendments (Purgatory)

1. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP ALLOCATION AMENDMENT 24/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)*

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

IPT Team

- f. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- g. ✓GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- h. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Packard (Social Scientist), and Stephen Holiman (Economist)
- i. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- j. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determined CMP Amendment 24 is an EA.

Items:

- A. ~~Modify allocations for Gulf migratory group king mackerel~~
- B. Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
- e. ✓March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
- f. ✓SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staff to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
- g. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- h. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- i. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – ✓SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- j. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- k. Public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- l. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- m. Document submitted to NMFS – _____

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

2. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Jacks Trip Limit) – Myra*

Note: Regulatory Amendment 23 was put on hold in 2015 until the Visioning Blueprint was complete.

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council directed staff to determine whether to include the following golden tilefish actions in Amendment 37 or a separate regulatory amendment. Given the limited scope of the golden tilefish actions, it was determined a separate regulatory amendment would be more efficient and less confusing. The following actions have been identified:

MOTION: MOVE ACTION ADDRESSING THE GOLDEN TILEFISH HOOK-AND-LINE FISHING YEAR START DATE FROM AMENDMENT 37 INTO A SEPARATE REGULATORY AMENDMENT, IF APPROPRIATE. IN ADDITION, ADD AN ACTION TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO LENGTHEN THE COMMERCIAL GOLDEN TILEFISH LONGLINE SEASON.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

DIRECTION TO STAFF: LOOK FOR RATIONALE BEHIND CATCH HISTORY BEING TIED TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER PERMIT INSTEAD OF THE ENDORSEMENT. BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 2015.

Note: At the June 2015 meeting, the Council changed the actions to include BSB bag limit, jacks trip limit, and golden tilefish fishing year start data. At the September 2015 meeting, the black sea bass bag limit action was moved to Regulatory Amendment 25.

Need to get input from fishermen in early 2016 on the fishing year change.

IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Denise Johnson (Economics), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), and Mark Fields (OLE)

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council.

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16: The timing will be updated after the December 2015 meeting when the Council determines the timing for this amendment.

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015; Council Chair and SG Committee Chair clarified that intent was for RA 23 to be scoped in August.
- c. ✓Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)

- d. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- e. Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2015
- f. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- g. Committee/Council reviews document, selects preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- h. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- i. Public Hearings – January 2016; in person or via webinar?
- j. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment and approve all actions – March 2016
- k. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- l. Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2016
- m. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done _____/16.
- n. Proposed Rule published _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Done _____
 - b. Comments due by _____/16.
- o. Final Rule published _____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP Done _____
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 - c. Regulations effective _____/16.
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.

XIII. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – Mike E

1. ✓SSC Meeting – via webinar – March 4, 2016

- Reviewed proposed methods for setting the FLK/EFL Hogfish recreational ACL in numbers
 - Recommended SAFMC method
 - Provided table of ABC/ACL adjusted for 15” minimum size and recreational specification in numbers

2. ✓SEP May 3, 2016, 8:30 to noon.

1. OY Discussion
2. Decision Tree
3. Red Snapper Management
4. Portfolio Analysis
5. Recent and Upcoming Council Actions and Activities

3. ✓SSC May 3-5, 2016

1. SEDAR
S41, red snapper and gray triggerfish Review & Recommendations
Golden Tilefish assessment: Review & Recommendations
TORs, Schedule, Participants for Blueline Tilefish
Assessment priorities, 2019-2021
Participants for Meristics-Stock ID workshop
Review modified approach “research cycle” – SEFSC present
2. Blueline Tilefish – Stock ID review
3. SAFMC research recommendations
4. Citizen Science workshop report, recommendations
5. ABC Control Rule workgroup report
6. SEP report
7. Apply stock prioritization approach
8. Update on MRIP Transition, Effort Survey
9. Tools (hogfish)
10. Review Black Sea Bass bag-size limit analytical approaches
11. FRN: Deadline April 5, 2016. Done: _____

4. *SSC October 18-20, 2016*

- A. FRN: Deadline September 20, 2016. Done: _____
- B. Stock assessment prioritization workshop
- C. SEDAR 46 Goliath Grouper
- D. (now Dec 2016) Recommend revision assessment priorities for MRIP data
- E. Spiny Lobster OFL and ABC
- F. Management analysis review process
 - a. Approach for reviewing evaluation tools/analyses in detail
 - b. Outside of SSC meetings
 - c. Subgroup? Webinars?
- G. Data Limited SEDAR
- H. Golden Tilefish update reevaluation
 - a. Review tilefish projections and ABC adjustment
 - b. Identify uncertainties that may be causing the large adjustment to the ABC from the OFL
 - c. SEFSC presentation on the Robust Multinomial in the BAM modeling framework
- I. Red Snapper assessment reevaluation
 - a. Review alt ref points and updated projections
- J. MRIP evaluation
 - a. Reliability of current red snapper estimates
 - b. Program adequate for quota monitoring, discards, assessment info
 - c. Invite John Foster or Dave VanVoorhees to present on Gulf pilots looking at improved methods of data collection for Red Snapper
- K. ABC Control Rule discussion
 - a. Reconsider use of stock status
- L. Paul Ruderhausen presentation on BSB pot mesh size study
- M. BSB bag/size limit analysis update – Could be delayed until April 2018
- N. FMPs – Could delay as necessary
 - a. SG 41
 - b. SG 37
 - c. SG 43

XIV. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

1. ✓*Spiny Lobster AP – Kari*

April 25, 2016 (times?)

Location: _____

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

2. ✓*Snapper Grouper AP - Myra*

April 26, 2016 (9:00 a.m.) – April 27, 2016 (3:00 p.m.)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by 4/8/16. Done _____

3. ✓*Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger*

May 11, 2016 (9:00 am) – May 12, 2016 (3:00 pm)_

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by 5/3/16. Done 5/3/16.

4. *Joint LEAP & LE Committee – Myra*

August 4-5, 2016 (1:30 pm on 8/4 to 3:00 on 8/5))

Location: Crowne Plaza, N. Charleston, SC

✓Federal Register notice sent 7/1/16; published 7/11/16.

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

5. *Mackerel/Cobia AP – Kari*

Date(s)? _____

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

6. *Snapper Grouper AP – Myra*

Dates November 1 (8:30 am) – 2 (noon), 2016

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

7. *I&E AP – Amber*

Date(s): November 2 (1:30 pm) – 3 (3 pm), 2016

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

8. *Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger*

Nov.15, 2016 (9:00 am) – Nov. 16, 2016 (4:00 pm)

Location: FWRI St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by 11/7/16. Done _____.

9. *Dolphin Wahoo AP – Brian*

Date(s)? _____ fall

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

Public Hearings and Scoping - August 2016

A. Dates and locations: See table below

1. Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
2. Times – all PHs and Scoping for August 2016 begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm.

<u>August 3, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard N. Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 252-240-1155	<u>August 8, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Holton Restaurant 13711 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Midway, GA 29418 Phone: 912-884-9151
<u>August 9, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Hampton Inn 29 William Pope Drive Bluffton, SC 29909 Phone: 843-705-9000	<u>August 9, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Gregg Hilton Virginia Beach 3001 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451 Phone: 757-213-3001
<u>August 10, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari NC Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-808-8011	
<u>August 11, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Murrells Inlet Community Center 4462 Murrells Inlet Road Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 Phone: 904-396-5100	<u>August 11, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH - Gregg Hilton Garden Inn 5353 North Virginia Dare Trail Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 Phone: 252-261-1290
<u>August 15, 2016</u> – SG 41 PH - Myra Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale Airport- Cruise Port 180 SW 18 th Avenue Dania, FL 954-924-9204	<u>August 16, 2016</u> – SG 41 PH - Myra Hawks Cay Resort 61 Hawks Cay Boulevard Duck Key, FL 33050 Phone: 305-743-7000
<u>August 17, 2016</u> – SG 41 PH - Myra Marriott Key West Beachside 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	

- B. ✓Amendments:
 - 1. Public hearings – CMP Framework 4 (Atlantic Cobia); SG 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - 2. Scoping – DW 10/SG 44 (Dolphin and Yellowtail Snapper Sector Allocations)
- C. ✓Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments)
- D. ✓Federal Register Notice – by July 1, 2016
 - a. ✓Notice sent to NOAA – done 7/1/16.
 - b. ✓Publish notice – done 7/13/16.
- E. Document preparation
 - a. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by July 18, 2016. Cobia PH Summary posted 7/11/16. Done _____
 - ii. Amendments posted by July 18, 2016. Done _____
 - iii. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on July 18, 2016. Done _____.
 - b. Comments due by 5 pm on August 19, 2016.
 - c. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net
 - d. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
 - e. Gregg will attend the MAFMC meeting in Virginia Beach and hold hearing for CMP Framework Amendment 4 on August 9
 - f. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. CMP Framework 4 (Q&A and PH Webinar) – August 1, 2016
 - ii. SG 41 (Q&A and PH Webinar) – August 2, 2016
 - iii. DW 10/SG 44 (Scoping Webinar) – August 4, 2016
- F. Staff attending hearings by location:
- G. ✓Council chairs:
 - a. NC - (Michelle Duval, chair);
 - b. SC - (Mel Bell, chair)
 - c. GA - (Doug Haymans, chair)
 - d. FL - (Jessica McCawley, chair)

XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1st full week in March; (2) 2nd full week in June; (3) 3rd week in September; and (4) 1st full week in December.]

- A. September 12-16, 2016 – North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Marina Inn at Grande Dunes
8121 Amalfi Place
Myrtle Beach SC 29572
Phone: Toll Free: 1-877-403-7676 or 843-913-1333/Fax: 843-913-1334
- B. December 5-9, 2016 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach NC 28512
Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065
- C. March 6-10, 2017 – Jekyll Island, GA
Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island GA 31527
Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2838
- D. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL
Sawgrass Marriott
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082
Phone: Reservations: 1-800-457-4653 or 904-285-7777/Fax: 904-285-0906
- E. September 11-15, 2017 - Charleston, SC
Town & Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston SC 29407
Phone: 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444
- F. December 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC
DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach NC 28512
Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065
- G. March 5-9, 2018 – _____, Jekyll Island, GA
- H. June 11-15, 2018 – _____, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- I. September 17-21, 2018 - _____, Charleston, SC
- J. December 3-7, 2018 – _____, Kill Devil Hills, NC

XVII.SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND JUNE 2016 MEETING

Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting are inserted here.

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Prepare Amendment 36 for formal review (including guidance to staff above)
2. ✓Prepare Amendment 37 for approval at the SEPTEMBER 2016 Council meeting
3. ✓Distribute the approved Oculina Review Report - done
4. Distribute the approved System Management Plan for Amendment 14 MPAs
5. Distribute the approved System Management Plan for Spawning SMZs
6. ✓PREPARE AMENDMENT 41 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST 2016
7. REQUEST THAT THE SEFSC PROVIDE FURTHER EXPLANATION FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN THE OUTCOMES OF SEDAR 24 AND SEDAR 41 FOR RED SNAPPER
8. INVESTIGATE WHAT METHODS HAVE BEEN/ARE BEING USED IN THE MID-ATLANTIC TO ASSESS THE STATUS OF GOLDEN TILEFISH
9. ✓COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE SSC FURTHER REVIEW THE GOLDEN TILEFISH UPDATE ASSESSMENT, AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. REVIEW PRODUCTIVITY ESTIMATES OF PREVIOUS TILEFISH ASSESSMENTS, IDENTIFY UNCERTAINTIES THAT IMPACT PRODUCTIVITY ESTIMATES, AND COMMENT ON HOW WELL OVERALL STOCK PRODUCTIVITY IS DETERMINED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IDENTIFY RESEARCH OR DATA NEEDS THAT COULD IMPROVE ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTIVITY FOR FUTURE ASSESSMENTS.
 - b. REVIEW APPLICATION OF THE P* TECHNIQUE TO THE TILEFISH UPDATE. PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE APPARENT UNUSUALLY LARGE DIFFERENCE IN YIELD BETWEEN THE OFL ($P^* = 0.5$) AND THE ABC ($P^* = 0.3$). COMPARE THE BUFFER ESTIMATED FOR TILEFISH WITH THOSE FOR OTHER ASSESSMENTS WITH SIMILAR P* VALUES. IDENTIFY WHICH ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTIES ARE “DRIVING” THE P* ANALYSIS AND THE HIGH BUFFER. CONSIDER WHETHER THE P* APPROACH IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS ASSESSMENT, AND WHETHER BASING ABC ON YIELD AT 75% FMSY AND OFL ON YIELD AT FMSY IS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.
 - c. REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE, ACCURACY, AND RELIABILITY OF TILEFISH ASSESSMENT PROJECTIONS FROM PAST ASSESSMENTS. THE COUNCIL IS CONCERNED WITH THE IMPACT OF THE HIGH AGE OF FISHERY SELECTIVITY COMBINED WITH THE LACK OF FISHERY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION FOR YOUNGER FISH ON STOCK PROJECTIONS. IDENTIFY RESEARCH OR DATA NEEDS THAT COULD IMPROVE FUTURE PROJECTIONS.
 - d. COMMENT ON THE BIOLOGICAL RISK AND THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF A PHASED-IN APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTING THE REDUCED CATCH LEVELS FOR TILEFISH, SUCH THAT THE ABC

IS SET EQUAL TO OFL IN YEAR 1 AND THEN ABC IS SPECIFIED THROUGH THE STANDARD APPLICATION OF THE CONTROL RULE IN LATER YEARS. ALSO CONSIDER PROVIDING A CONSTANT ABC FOR LATER YEARS, SPECIFIED IN 3-YEAR BLOCKS.

10. REQUEST THAT THE SSC CONSIDER REVISING THE ABC CONTROL RULE BY REMOVING STOCK STATUS FROM THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE UNCERTAINTY ADJUSTMENT. THIS IS REQUESTED BECAUSE THE AGENCY HAS FINAL AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE STOCK STATUS, AND BECAUSE THE ABC CONTROL RULE IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTY, WHEREAS STOCK STATUS IS AN ASSESSMENT OUTCOME RATHER THAN A SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY. THEREFORE, STATUS IS MORE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL IN ESTABLISHING ITS RISK TOLERANCE.
11. REQUEST THAT THE SSC DISCUSS AND EVALUATE THE NEW APPROACH USED TO ESTIMATE NATURAL MORTALITY IN SEDAR 41

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Chip/Roger

1. Recommendations for ongoing FEP II Development:
 - a. Develop Executive Summary for FEP II;
2. Enhance use of online tools and visibility of Habitat Conservation/Ecosystem Based Fishery Management and FEP II development (e.g., use SAFMC Digital Dashboard to highlight effort and collaboration with Regional Partners)
3. Direct staff to develop a document that describes all the management actions taken by the Council to protect habitats and manage fisheries off the coast of northeast Florida. Present results to the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee by the March or June 2014 Council meetings. Outline prepared by Chip given to Roger in May 2016.
4. Staff finalize EFH Policy Statement, distribute to Council Members, Habitat Advisory Panel and regional partners, and post to the Habitat Section of the Website.
5. Request a presentation on what is known about the effects of seismic airguns on habitat. Session conducted in conjunction with May 2016 Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting in Charleston SC.
6. FEP II Food Web and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability Sections and associated team policy discussions be completed for review at September Council Meeting.
7. Staff coordinate participation in a technology test bed engaging Ocean Area and Submaran AUV, Teledyne Marine and SCDNR/SEAMAP/MARMAP for a potential late July test bed off Charleston, SC.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

1. DEVELOP A CORAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPANDING THE NORTHERN ALLOWABLE GOLDEN CRAB FISHING ZONE.

D. Mackerel/Cobia – Kari

1. Explore adding an alternative that would designate a certain number of fishing days per state for recreational harvest of Atlantic cobia.
2. Prepare Framework Amendment 4 for public hearings.
3. Prepare Framework Amendment 5 for the Gulf Council meeting.
4. ✓Include language in the Framework 4 public hearing document that the Council is exploring latitudinal season openings for cobia management.
5. ✓Send public hearing document to ASMFC for their August meeting – done 7/15/16.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian and John H.

1. ✓Direct staff to develop a scoping document, send Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 out for scoping in August of 2016 via webinar, and bring scoping comments back to the Council for consideration at the September 2016 Council meeting.

F. Shrimp – Chip

1. WORK ON DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES FOR A ROCK SHRIMP ALLOWABLE FISHING AREA(S).

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. STAFF WERE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT SOME ADDITIONAL RESEARCH PRIOR TO THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THE TOTAL PICTURE ACROSS COUNCILS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF, AND MEANS OF ISSUING, OPERATOR CARDS FOR APPLICABLE FISHERIES.
2. ✓CONVENE A JOINT MEETING OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 2016

H. SEDAR – John Carmichael

1. Request at the October 2016 meeting that the SSC provide recommendations for stocks to consider for data limited assessment methods. (On agenda)

I. SSC Selection – John Carmichael

1. ✓Prepare letters of thanks to those SSC members who were not reappointed.
2. ✓Prepare appointment letters for the newly appointed SSC and SEP members.
3. Invite chairs/vice chairs of DW/CMP/SG APs to attend the portion of the October 2016 SSC meeting where assessment prioritization scoring will be discussed.
4. Develop a proposal, for consideration in ~~September~~ December 2016, for conducting SSC peer review of complex analyses such as management alternative decision tools.
5. Schedule a meeting of the SSC Selection Committee for September 2016 including a closed session to fill the remaining vacancy.
6. Develop guidelines for what constitutes a conflict of interest for SSC members for Dec 2016.

J. AP Selection – Kim

1. ✓STAFF DEVELOP OPTIONS TO ALLOW FOR FISHING REPRESENTATION ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP AND THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION AP (FOR JUNE). ALSO ADDRESS MODIFICATIONS TO THE AP APPLICATION RELATIVE TO PERSONS TO APPLYING TO THE SEDAR POOL.
2. ✓READVERTISE 1 NGO SEAT AND 3 OPEN SEATS ON THE MACKEREL AP. (SEPTEMBER).
 - Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council’s advisory panels as appropriate (drafted by GTW).
 - ✓Clarify when publicizing open seat on the advisory panels that applicants must have access to a “working” email account for correspondence and that it may be a shared account with another family member, etc.

K. Data Collection – John Carmichael

1. Provide an update on the SAMFC-ACCSP electronic logbook pilot project at the September meeting.
2. Modify the Charter Reporting Amendment to include core variables as approved here for review at the September meeting.
3. Propose an alternative name for CE-BA 3 that reflects the bycatch reporting actions that remain (e.g. Bycatch Reporting Amendment).
4. ✓Add language to the charter reporting amendment acknowledging the Council is considering limited entry in the for-hire industry and may consider compliance with reporting requirements among the eligibility criteria.

L. Protected Resources – Chip

1. NONE

M. Spiny Lobster – Kari

- 1) ✓Have the SSC review the motions made by the committee at their October meeting
- 2) Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare an options paper for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13
- 3) Coordinate with FWC for a presentation on spiny lobster regulations in Florida at the next committee meeting.

N. Executive/Finance – Gregg/Mike

1. ✓ (but no response received) MOTION #1: COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO EILEEN SOBECK, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES, INDICATING THE NEED FOR FUNDING TO THE SERO/SEFSC TO IMPLEMENT HEADBOAT, CHARTER VESSEL, AND COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND

REQUESTING CLARIFICATION ON HOW MUCH OF THE \$7 MILLION FUNDS FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING/REPORTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WORK IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S AREA.

2. ✓MOTION#2: COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO ALAN RISENHOOVER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, COMMENTING ON THE CATCH SHARE PROGRAM REVIEW GUIDANCE. (7/29/2016)
3. MOTION#3: ALLOW STAFF TO MODIFY ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION) FOR ALL ACTIONS IN ALL AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE TRUE STATUS QUO WITHOUT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR EACH CHANGE.
4. MOTION #4: DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT SEPARATE SEASONALITY AND RETENTION AMENDMENTS. (Amendment 43)
5. DIRECTION TO STAFF: WHEN LOOKING AT A SEASONALITY AMENDMENT, SEE HOW BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES CAN BE ESTABLISHED AHEAD OF TIME. ASK STAFF FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER TWO AMENDMENTS (separate commercial and recreational) OR JUST ONE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT.
6. Prepare a SAFE Report for Red Grouper for review at the September 2016 meeting.
7. Revise the 2016 Priorities for review at the September 2016 meeting.
8. ✓Use Option B (Council Meeting Comment Form) and timing for Comments prior to and during Council meetings; revise the Public Comment Guidelines for review at the September meeting.
9. Support a 50%/50% split of any increase in the Council/Commission budget line item.
10. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members.
11. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR.
12. STAFF PREPARE THE RED GROUPEE SAFE REPORT, THE REVISED 2016 PRIORITIES, PUBLIC COMMENT & WEBINAR GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW AT THE SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING.
13. PREPARE COMMENT LETTERS AND OBTAIN COUNCIL INPUT

O. Full Council – Gregg

1. None.

XVIII. September 12 - 16, 2016 – Myrtle Beach, SC – Draft

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes

8121 Amalfi Place

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Reservations: 1-877-403-7676, Phone: 843-913-1333 and Fax: 843-913-1334

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- ✓1. FIRST MEMO – 6/28/16 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF). Done 6/28/16.
2. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 7/28/16 @ 5 pm local time.
3. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 8/23/2016 AT NOON.
4. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 8/25/2016 AT 5 PM
5. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME BY NOON 8/26/2016
6. BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 8/25/2016 BY NOON
7. BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 8/26/2016.

[_____– GMFMC liaison]

Gregg – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species] by August 1, 2015

Done _____.

Specific needs:

- Status of updates on commercial landings from SEFSC for quota monitoring.
- Explanation of what happened with the cobia commercial overage in 2015.
- Costs report for bycatch reporting options and workgroup update

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below**. Due by August 1, 2016. Done _____

Specific needs:

- Status of updates on commercial landings to SERO for quota monitoring.
- Explanation of what happened with the cobia commercial overage in 2015.
- Presentation on the research track proposal
- Commercial Logbook reporting – report on costs of electronic reporting options considered through pilot, and progress report on voluntary participation and implementation

A. Parliamentary Practice Workshop (Colette Trohan) (TAB 1) – Monday 8:30 – 12:00 noon

(1) How people learn and communicate

(2) Fundamental Rules: 6 Steps of Debate & 6 Basic Motions

B. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip)

(TAB 2) – Monday 1:30 – 4:00 pm

(1) Habitat Ecosystem AP Report

(2) Summary of FEP II Food Web & Connectivity and Climate Variability & Fisheries Sections

- (3) Review Policy Considerations supporting Policy Statement Development
- (4) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (5) Council Actions on Habitat

C. Information & Education Committee (Amber) (TAB 3) – Monday 4:00 – 5:00 pm

- (1) South Atlantic Council Communications Survey
 - a. Overview of survey results – Amber
 - b. Committee provide guidance, as needed – Mark Brown
- (2) Council Outreach Activities – Amber
 - a. Update – Amber
 - b. Committee provide guidance, as needed – Mark Brown

D. SSC Selection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 4) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

- (1) Review and Appoint Scientific & Statistical Committee Members

E. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 5) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 9:30 am – 11:00 am

- (1) Review Applications for Advisory Panel Seats and Provide Recommendations

F. SEDAR Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) SEDAR Projects Update
- (2) SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
 - a. Research Track Proposal
 - b. Assessment Priorities

G. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 7) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (3) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - c. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
- (4) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document and DEIS comments – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document & public hearing comments – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve all actions – Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Overview of options – Chip
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (7) Recreational Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 1)
 - a. Overview of options – Myra

- b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Discuss changing the mesh size of black sea bass pots

H. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel/Cobia Committee (Brian) (TAB 8) – Wednesday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- (1) Overview of Commercial Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs – NMFS
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
- (3) Dolphin/Yellowtail Snapper Allocation Amendment
 - a. Review scoping comments – Brian
 - b. Provide direction to staff – Anna Beckwith/Michelle Duval
- (4) For-Hire Limited Entry
 - a. Overview of options – Brian
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Anna Beckwith/Michelle Duval/Ben Hartig

I. Mackerel/Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Wednesday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – status of review
- (3) NMFS Reports
 - a. Status of updates on commercial & recreational landings to SERO for quota monitoring – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - b. Status of updates on commercial & recreational landings from SEFSC for quota monitoring – NMFS SERO
 - c. Explanation of what happened with the cobia commercial overage in 2015 – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - d. Committee discussion and action as appropriate – Ben Hartig
- (4) June 2016 and August 2016 Gulf Council meeting reports – Kari, Anna Beckwith, Chester Brewer
- (5) August 2016 ASMFC meeting report – Kari, Robert Beal
- (6) August 2016 MAFMC meeting report – Rob O'Reilly
- (7) Presentation on South Carolina Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Cobia – Mike Denson, SC DNR
- (8) Public Hearing Comments Overview (Framework Amendment 4) - Kari
- (9) CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - a. Overview of document and public hearing comments – Kari
 - b. Committee modifies, select preferred alternatives, and approve for formal review – Ben Hartig
 - c. Discuss and consider emergency action – Michelle Duval
 - d. Committee direction on fishing year action: new amendment or add to existing amendment – Ben Hartig
- (10) CMP Framework Amendment 5 (modify permit restrictions)
 - a. Overview of document– Kari
 - b. Committee modifies, select preferred alternative(s), and approve for formal review– Ben

Hartig

(11) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel quota sharing)

- a. Overview of document– Kari
- b. Committee select preferred alternative(s) and modify as necessary– Ben Hartig

J. Public Comment Session – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

K. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 10) – Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

- (1) Follow up on items from Joint LEAP/ LE Committee meeting

L. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 11) – Thursday 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- (1) Update from NMFS SERO
- (2) Snapper Grouper Biological Opinion – NMFS SERO
- (3) Nassau Grouper 12-Month Determination – NMFS SERO
- (4) Update from USFWS

M. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 12) – Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- (1) Bycatch Reporting Amendment
 - a. Status and Costs Report from NMFS
 - b. Review Final SBRM Rule
 - c. Consider alternative name for CE-BA 3.
 - d. Bycatch Reporting Amendment: direction to staff – Mel Bell
- (2) Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. SEFSC Costs Analysis – SEFSC
 - b. Implementation Progress Report -- SEFSC
- (3) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview of document – John Carmichael
 - b. SAFMC pilot study – Mike Errigo
 - c. SC DNR for-hire logbook validation and verification – SC DNR
 - d. Committee review and provide guidance – Mel Bell
- (4) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Update – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

N. Highly Migratory Species Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 13) – Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- (1) Update on NMFS HMS Committee Meeting – Anna
- (2) Upcoming EAs from HMS – Guy DuBeck

O. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 14) – Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- (1) Status of Expenditures for CY 2016 – Mike/Michelle
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian/Michelle
- (3) Standards & procedures for Public Comments – Gregg/Michelle
- (4) Standards & procedures for participating in Council Webinar Meetings – Gregg/Michelle

P. Council Session (TAB 15) – Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

I. Presentations

- (1) Swearing in of Council Member(s)
- (2) 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
- (2) Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
- (3) Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 5 (Modify Permit Restrictions)

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) SG Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) – scoping

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

- (1) Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- (2) Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- (3) Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- (4) Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
- (5) AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- (6) SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- (7) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- (8) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION
- (9) Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- (10) Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- (11) Information & Education Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- (12) Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 13) – ACTION
- (13) NMFS SERO Presentations:
 - a. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - b. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - c. Other issues?
- (14) NMFS SEFSC Presentations:
 - a. Other issues?
- (15) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
- (16) Agency & Liaison Reports
- (17) Other Business & Upcoming Meetings

XIX. December 5-9, 2016 – Atlantic Beach, NC – Rough Draft

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Atlantic Beach NC 28512
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Specific needs:

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.
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Need to add Personnel Committee to review Executive Director performance.

A. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 1)

– Monday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

- (1) Fishery Ecosystem Plan II Approval??
- (2) Review and Approve SAFMC Policies
- (3) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat

B. SSC Selection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 2) – Monday 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- (1) SSC Conflict of Interest Policy
- (2) SSC Complex analysis review process

C. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 3) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 10:00 am

D. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 4) – Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- (1) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13
 - (a) SSC recommendations for OFL and ABC
 - (b) Committee review and provide direction to staff
 - (c) FWC presentation on spiny lobster regulations in Florida

E. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Update from SERO
- (2) Others??

F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
- (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (6) Annual review of Visioning Blueprint
- (7) Recreational Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 1)
 - a. Overview of options – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Overview of options – Chip
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and approve for scoping – Michelle Duval
- (9) Others?? Golden Tilefish??

G. SEDAR Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 7) (PARTIALLY CLOSED) – Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

- (1) SEDAR projects Update
- (2) Review SEDAR Steering Committee Report
- (3) SSC recommendations on NMFS prioritization process
- (4) SSC recommendations for data limited assessment candidates
- (5) Long-term assessment plan

- (6) Revised timing and TORS for SEDAR 50, Blueline Tilefish (may include appointments)
- (7) Appointments for SEDAR Stock ID workshop (depending on workshop timing – could shift to a later meeting)

If all 7 items make it to this meeting, will need more time

H. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel/Cobia Committee (Brian/John H.) (TAB 8) – Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am (more time is needed)

- (1) Overview of Commercial & Recreational Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs – NMF
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
- (3) Dolphin/Yellowtail Snapper Allocation Amendment
 - i. Review scoping comments
 - ii. Provide direction to staff
- (4) For-Hire Limited Entry
 - a. Overview of options – Brian
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Anna Beckwith/Michelle Duval/Ben Hartig

I. Mackerel/Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Thursday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Framework Amendments 4 & 5/CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) –status of review
- (4) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)
 - a. Overview of amendment – Kari
 - b. Committee review public hearing input, modify, and approve for formal review– Ben Hartig

J. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 10) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. Status of work from NMFS
 - b. CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) Amendment – direction to staff
- (2) Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (3) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview of document – John Carmichael
 - b. Headboat electronic reporting implementation outreach - SEFSC
 - c. Committee reviews and approves for formal review – Mel Bell
- (4) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

K. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 11) – Thursday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

- (1) Follow-up on items from Joint LEAP/ LE Committee meeting
- (2) Others??

L. Information & Education Committee (Amber) (TAB 12) – Thursday 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- (1) Report from I&E AP - Amber

M. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 13) – Thursday 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

- (1) Status of Expenditures for CY 2016 - Mike
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
- (3) Others?

N. Public Comments – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

O. Council Session (TAB 14) – Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

I. Presentations

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton)
- (3) Fishery Ecosystem Plan II??
- (4) CMP 29 – Gulf King Mackerel Allocations

III. Approval for Scoping

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items (WILL BE UPDATED WHEN COMMITTEES ARE FINAL)

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION)??????]

- A. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- B. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- C. Information & Education Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION
- D. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel/Cobia Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- E. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- G. SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- H. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- I. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- J. Habitat Committee Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- K. Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
- L. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 12) – ACTION
- M. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web

Site

(e) Other issues?

L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):

(a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs

(b) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs

M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

N. Agency & Liaison Reports

O. Other Business & Upcoming Meetings